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Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Arrangements for the accreditation of non-governmental organizations at the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly

The Commission on Population and Development, acting at its thirty-second session as preparatory committee for the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly, for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and noting that pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 52/188 and 53/183, the President of the General Assembly has invited the Commission, acting as the preparatory committee for the special session, to decide the modalities concerning the accreditation, in accordance with past practice, of non-governmental organizations to the special session:

(a) Decides to invite to the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly:

(i) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

(ii) Non-governmental organizations associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat;

(iii) Non-governmental organizations already accredited to the Preparatory Committee for the twenty-first special session;

(b) Also decides that the accreditation of interested non-governmental organizations should be granted by a committee composed of the Bureau of the preparatory body for the twenty-first special session and the Secretariat by 14 May 1999, provided that requests for

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accreditation are accompanied by information on the organization's competence and relevance to the subject of the special session and include the following information:

(i) The purpose of the organization;

(ii) Information identifying the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the subject of the special session, and indicating in which country or countries they are carried out;

(iii) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international levels;

(iv) Copies of annual or other reports of the organization, with financial statements and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;

(v) A list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;

(vi) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;

(vii) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization.